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Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: S. 1200 - Senate-Passed Version of
Immigration Legislation: Request for Comments

1. S. 1200 is, as you know, the Senate version of comprehensive immigration reform legislation. Attached for your information is a copy of the version of that legislation passed by the Senate on 19 September 1985. I am providing you with the version as printed in the Congressional Record since the bill itself has not been printed as yet.

2. The only two issues in the bill of concern to the Agency were: 1) the sufficiency of the exemption of the government and its contractors from provisions regarding discrimination on account of immigration status; and, 2) the provision allowing the Attorney General to define "unauthorized employment". As you can see, S. 1200 as passed by the Senate retains the section which allow the Attorney General to define "unauthorized employment". It thus alleviates the Agency's concerns on that subject. In contrast to the House version of this legislation, H.R. 3080, S. 1200 does not contain any provision creating a cause of action for discrimination on account of immigration status; hence, the sufficiency of an exception for the government and its contractors was not an issue in the Senate-passed version of the legislation.

3. In the House, some hearings have been held on H.R. 3080. The measure, however, is still awaiting final action by the House Judiciary Committee. In its current version, the House bill does not appear to present any problems as it, too, contains a provision allowing the Attorney General to define "unauthorized employment". Further, while it does

contain a provision creating a cause of action for discrimination on account of immigration status, it contains an extensive exemption for the government and its contractors which appears to meet the Agency's concerns in this area.

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